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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

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This is responsive to the outstanding final Office Action mailed November 19, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited in view of the following remarks. In summary, the Applicant believes that the claimed invention differs from the prior art in that the claimed invention creates a single, higher port count switch using switch modules and input/output modules that reside on different backplanes, while the prior art uses a backplane to connect multiple switches together in a multi-switch fabric.

REMARKS

Pending Claims:

In this application, claims 1, 6-27, and 34-41 are currently pending.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e): Claims 1-27

The Examiner has rejected the pending claims as being anticipated by Carvey, U.S. Patent No. 6,606,656, with inherent features as evidenced by Dally, U.S. Patent No. 6,370,145. Carvey shows multiple modules (such as fabric routers) connected over a backplane together in a multi-module system. (Col. 6, lines 3-9). This can be seen in Figures 1 and 2 of Carvey, which show the modules (24 & 26) of Carvey being